



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Shin HASHIMOTO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1765
Application No. 09/856,823	)	
Filed: May 25, 2001	)	Examiner: Matthew J. SONG
For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Non-Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 12, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows.